

Appl. No. 09/763,616
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REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims in order to place the claims in immediate condition for allowance as discussed at the interview and indicated in the Examiner Interview summary record. In this regard, the undersigned attorney appreciates the courtesy of the further telephone interview extended the undersigned by Examiner Kwon on May 26, 2005, concerning further preferred amendments to the claims contained in the amendment filed on April 21, 2005 and which the Examiner said that he would e-mail to the undersigned attorney. Instead, the Advisory Action was issued denying entry of this amendment.

Applicants have rewritten the claims presented in the amendment of April 21, 2005, in the present amendment as new claims 43-66. These claims obviate the reason for denying entry of the previous amendment and should now place the application in condition for allowance.

As previously noted, Applicants are making every effort to place the application in condition for allowance by restricting the application to allowable subject matter as proposed by the Examiner at the interview and as indicated in the Interview Summary Record.

As requested by the Examiner at the interview, Applicants have amended claims 13, 33 and 40 to limit the disease conditions to those caused by HPV and the compounds to those represented by the formula I. These claims are now presented as claims 43, 61 and 64 respectively. These amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer and Applicants reserve all rights to further prosecuted canceled subject matter in a further continuation application. Moreover, although it is believed that all of the claims are patentable over the prior art and in full compliance with 35 USC 112, the claims have been restricted to the indicated allowable subject matter.

In addition, claims 27-30, now presented as claims 55-58, have been amended to be dependent upon non-canceled claims as discussed at the interview to overcome this aspect of the rejection. It was never intended for these claims to be dependent on

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rejected independent claims. Claim 35, now claim 63, has been amended to cancel "any other HPV associated cancers or warts" as requested by the Examiner. While it is believed that the proviso added in the previous is appropriate, claims 13 and 40 have been replaced with claims 43 and 64 without the proviso that the compound cannot be disulfiram as required by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation application directed to any canceled subject matter. Accordingly, it is believed that the amended claims are now in condition for allowance.

Finally, claim 24, now claim 54, has been corrected so that it does not contain an improper broad and narrow limitation. The narrow limitation has been canceled and made the subject of new claim 66.

In view of the above comments and further amendments to the claims, favorable reconsideration and allowance of all the claims now present in the application are most respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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